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CHILD! OH... SOMEONE HELP US!
IS SHE?
SHE'S DEAD! HE... HE WORKED THIS SICK CHILD TO DEATH!
ALREADY ANGERED BY COTTINGHAM'S CRUEL TREATMENT OF THEM, THE WORKERS ARE ENRAGED BY THE YOUNG GIRL'S DEATH!
MAY HER SPIRIT BE AVENGED!
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SIR, YOUNG MELISSA IS DEAD, AND...
WHAT! YOU DARE LEAVE YOUR MACHINES UNATTENDED?
HE'LL SHOW THEM WHO'S BOSS, HE WILL! HE'LL TEACH THEM TO COMPLAIN!
BACK TO WORK, DOGS, AND DRAG THAT GIRL OUT OF THE WAY!
BACK, YOU SCUM! I'LL TEACH YOU TO DISOBEY!
OUTRAGED BEYOND WORD, THE WORKERS SURGE FORWARD!
KAA-BOOOM!
THE WEAVER'S EYES BULGE WITH THE SHOCK OF THE PISTOL BALL IN HIS THROAT!

GOTTINGHAM IS UNSHAKEN BY HIS ACT OF COLD-BLOODED MURDER OR THE DYING MAN'S CURSE.

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SUDDENLY, HE REMEMBERS THE GOVERNOR'S TAPESTRY IS ONLY HALF FINISHED.
THAT WEAVER! I CAN'T FIND ANOTHER SKILLED MAN IN TIME TO FINISH THE SPECIAL JOB!

I'LL LOOK AT MY LEDGER BOOK!
WHIRRRR
WHAT?! SOUNDS LIKE THAT WEAVER'S LOOM STARTING! I'D BETTER CHECK IT!

WHAT HE SEES AT THE CONTROLS OF THE TAPESTRY LOOM FREEZES HIS BLOOD!
NO! NO! NOT ME!
WHIIIRRR!

ALL THE NIGHT THROUGH THE LOOM WORKS, AND IN THE MORNING...
THE TYRANT'S LOCKED US OUT! HE'S FIRING US ALL!
WE'VE GOT TO MAKE A STAND! WE'VE NOTHING TO LOSE NOW!
WE'RE NOT AFRAID!
THE DOOR BREAKS AND THE ANGRY WORKERS... MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ...RUSH INTO THE FACTORY. THE BUILDING IS SILENT AS A TOMB... EXCEPT FOR...
ONE MACHINE! THERE'S ONE MACHINE RUNNING!
LET'S LOOK...HE MAY BE WORKING AT IT!
WE'LL SHOW COTTINGHAM HE CAN'T DO THIS TO US!
...THE LORD SHALL PUNISH THE WICKED!
LOOKS LIKE THE GOVERNOR'S TAPESTRY GOT FINISHED, EVEN IF COTTINGHAM HAD TO GET INTO THE WEAVING PERSONALLY! NOW HIS ONLY WORRY IS THAT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION MAY BE FULL OF HUNGRY MOTHS!
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IT'S TRUE, DOUG! ANOTHER WAVE LIKE THAT WILL BREAK THIS TUB'S BACK!

NOT **NOW**, IT MUSTN'T...

...NOT NOW...WE'VE GOT A **MILLION BUCKS** ABOARD!

MAYBE THAT TREASURE IS SPOOKED... JUST LIKE I SAID! THIS WEATHER AIN'T **NATURAL!**

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IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TIME TO CELEBRATE. THAT MORNING BARTON AND RICHTER HAD DRAGGED UP FROM THE SEA BED THEIR RICHEST HAUL EVER!
IT'S LAURENT'S LOST FORTUNE, RIGHT ENOUGH. THAT SCIMITAR WAS PROBABLY USED BY THE PESHWA HIMSELF!
WE CAN KISS GOOD-BYE TO THIS RUSTY BUCKET, ED! YOU AN' ME ARE GONNA BE JET-SETTERS!
LAURENT HAD BEEN A FRENCH ARMY OFFICER IN THE 18TH CENTURY INDIA HIS WEALTH WAS WRESTED FROM THE MAHRATTAS, TO WHOM THE FRENCH HAD BEEN ALLIES AGAINST THE ENGLISH...
THESE ARE BAD TIDINGS... SUCH TREACHERY IRKS ME DEEPLY!
YOUR HIGHNESS THE FRANK LAURENT HAS FLED FROM YOUR PALACE WITH MUCH PLUNDER!
A CURSE BE UPON LAURENT AND ALL OTHERS WHO THUS DARE TO DISPOSSESS ME! MAY THUNDER AND LIGHTNING AND COLD STEEL SEAL THEIR DOOM!
LAURENT TOOK PASSAGE FOR HOME, SHIPPING HIS ILL-GOTTEN GAINS WITH HIM! BUT OFF THE FRENCH COAST...
WE ARE DONE FOR! LOWER THE BOATS!
SUCH SEAS I HAVE NEVER KNOWN IN ALL MY DAYS BEFORE! THE MAST!
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NONE SURVIVED THAT SHIPWRECK... BUT SEVERAL BODIES WERE WASHED UP ON THE ROCKY COAST...

HE WEARS AN ARMY UNIFORM, JACQUES!

BUT LOOK... THE CORPSE IS HEADLESS! 'TIS AS CLEANLY SEVERED AS 'TWERE TAKEN OFF WITH THE GUILLOTINE!

GENERATIONS ROLLED BY. THEN SIX MONTHS AGO...

BON JOUR, M'SIEURS! YOU ARE THE AMERICAN SALVAGE EXPERTS, NON?

SALVAGE IS OUR BUSINESS, SURE... BUT THE WAY LUCK'S BEEN LATELY, WE WON'T BE IN IT MUCH LONGER!

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IT'S A DEAL! A THIRD SHARE APIECE, AND WE SET SAIL FOR MARSEILLES ON THE NEXT TIDE!

TRES BIEN! I SHALL DRIVE DOWN AND MEET YOU THERE WITH THE APPROPRIATE PAPERS AND CHARTS!

BUT AS THE PROFESSOR TRAVELED SOUTH...

WHAT A STORM! I CAN SCARCELY MAKE OUT THE ROAD AHEAD!

VVVRRROOO OOOOOMMMMMM

SUDDENLY...
SACRE BLEU! I SWEAR I SEE A GHOST!
A-A-ARRGH!
SSSCREEEEEE
K-KRASH!!!
LATER, IN MARSEILLES...
THESE PAPERS WERE FOUND IN THE PROFESSOR'S CAR, ADDRESSED TO YOURSELVES. THEY APPEAR TO REFER TO SOME MARITIME BUSINESS!
AH...YES, OFFICER, WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THOSE!
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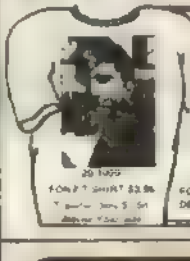

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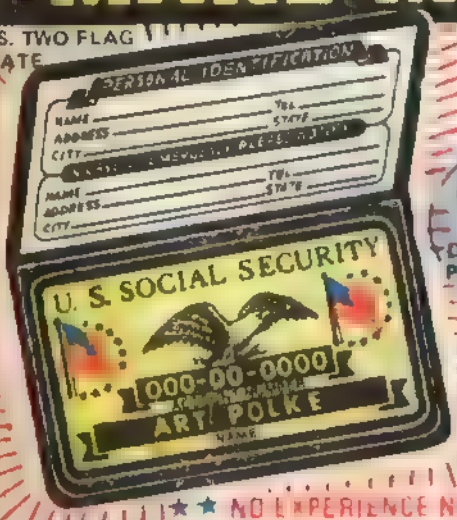

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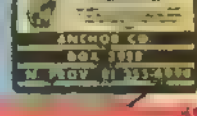

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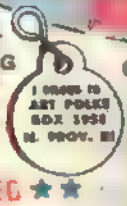

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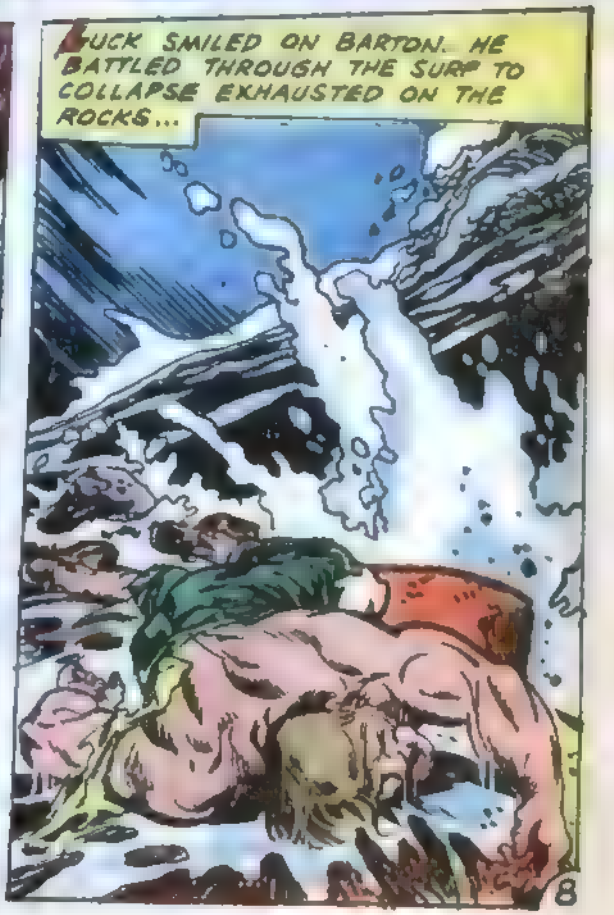
LUCK SMILED ON BARTON... HE BATTLED THROUGH THE SURF TO COLLAPSE EXHAUSTED ON THE ROCKS...

WH-WHERE AM I?
YOU ARE IN A HOSPITAL, M'SIEUR!
BUT WE HAVE BAD NEWS... YOUR COMPANION DIED ABOARD YOUR VESSEL. WE FOUND HIM IN THE WRECK... DECAPITATED!
HA! HA! HA! THE CURSE ...THE CARDS! THE CHOP WAS FOR DOUG, NOT ME! HA! HA! HA!
M'SIEUR! I AM A POLICE OFFICER AND THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER. A BLOODSTAINED SCIMITAR WAS FOUND BESIDE YOUR COMRADE... HE WAS MURDERED!
HA HA HA!
AND HE MAY NOT BE THE LAST TO GET THE CHOP! IN FRANCE WE SEND CONVICTED ASSASSINS TO THE GUILLOTINE!
END

THE BURNING

The beautiful young girl bit, clawed and kicked her captors as they dragged the doomed woman toward the stake in the middle of Salem town. Futilely, she fought them as they wrapped her limbs around the wooden post and secured her to the stake.

The unfortunate wench's secret alliance with Satan had been discovered by Judge Thackery Thornton, the largest land owner in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The condemned girl became silent. Doom and death were seconds away. She stared at the Puritan judge who had denounced her.

"Thornton, I'm not a witch, but if I was, I would curse you and damn your immortal soul to be scorched by hell fire! You found me guilty because you coveted my farm and my land," proclaimed the girl. "Fiend, the farm will slip through your fingers. I leave behind a will even though I have no kin or spouse. All that is mine, I bequeath to the spinster Winnie Wilkins!"

Angrily, Thackery Thornton snatched a flaming torch out of the bonfire burning in the center of the village. The judge pointed the tip of the blazing stick at the condemned woman.

"Spawn of Satan, your own last words have proved your guilt!" proclaimed Thornton. "Witch, I personally will put the torch to you!"

Boldly, Judge Thornton stepped toward the stake and flipped the flaming torch into the wood piled near the girl's feet. Instantly, the wood began to burn. She screamed in agony! With her dying breath, she swore that she was an innocent victim of the evil judge's greed.

The spectators were silent as a curtain of flames covered the young witch. In awe, they watched as bellows of black smoke drifted skyward.

Suddenly, the crowd parted and out stepped a toothless, old hag. "The young witch has cheated you Judge, but be assured, old Winnie Wilkins will make sure that you get all that you deserve!" the hag told Thornton as she hobbled off into the shadows and disappeared into the black night.

"You heard the spinster threaten me," Thornton shouted to the crowd. "If I am injured in any way, we know that she, too, is a witch!"

Thornton glanced at the crowd. The fools believed everything he told them. The spinster was no more of a witch than the young girl was, but the judge wanted that farm. Sardonically, he smiled as he watched the crowd disperse. The seed of an evil scheme was already sown in his fertile brain.

Weeks later the judge complained that he was in pain. His brain burned. His muscles ached. The judge swore that he was under a sinister spell cast on him by Winnie Wilkins.

Men rushed to the home of the old hag and caught her carving a doll out of a block of wood.

"I am a witch, but I did not bewitch the judge," Winnie declared as they dragged her away. "I meant to avenge the innocent girl, but I haven't done anything yet. That fiendish man is faking!"

The witch was thrown into a cell. Her confession sealed her fate. After her arrest, Judge Thornton miraculously recovered and set the date and time of Winnie's execution.

Patiently, Winnie waited for her demise. In her cell, she passed the long hours by completing her voodoo doll of Judge Thornton.

On the night of her execution, the voodoo figurine was complete. All she needed, was something that belonged to the judge.

"Come, Witch! The time of death is here! A crowd has gathered in the village square to witness your burning," stated the guard as he unlocked her cell.

Slowly, calmly, confidently, Winnie walked to her doom. Through the dark street and into the shadowy courtyard she marched.

When she passed the judge enroute to the stake, she went wild. Winnie clawed his scalp and pulled a lock of hair from his head before they subdued her.

"Burn her! Burn the witch!" cried the crowd as the guards tied her torso to the stake and stuck a torch into the wood at her feet.

As the flames scorched her sides, she held up the voodoo doll and laughed.

"Truly, I am a witch! When I burn, the judge burns with me!" she stated in a sinister tone.

When Thornton saw the wooden doll with a lock of his hair stuck to its head, he knew he was doomed. The judge was a liar and a cheat, but he believed in black magic.

Madly, he rushed toward the flames to snatch the doll from her hand. As he reached toward the dying witch, his coat caught fire. Instantly, his body burst into flames. In a blaze of hell fire, Judge Thackery Thornton departed from this life and joined those he murdered, in Hades!

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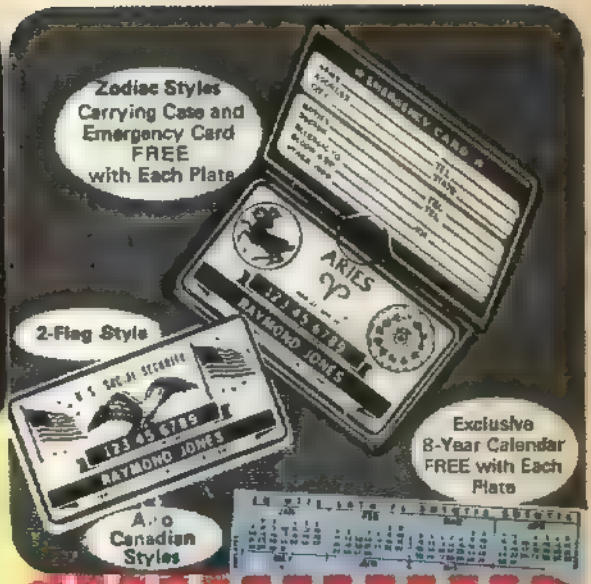

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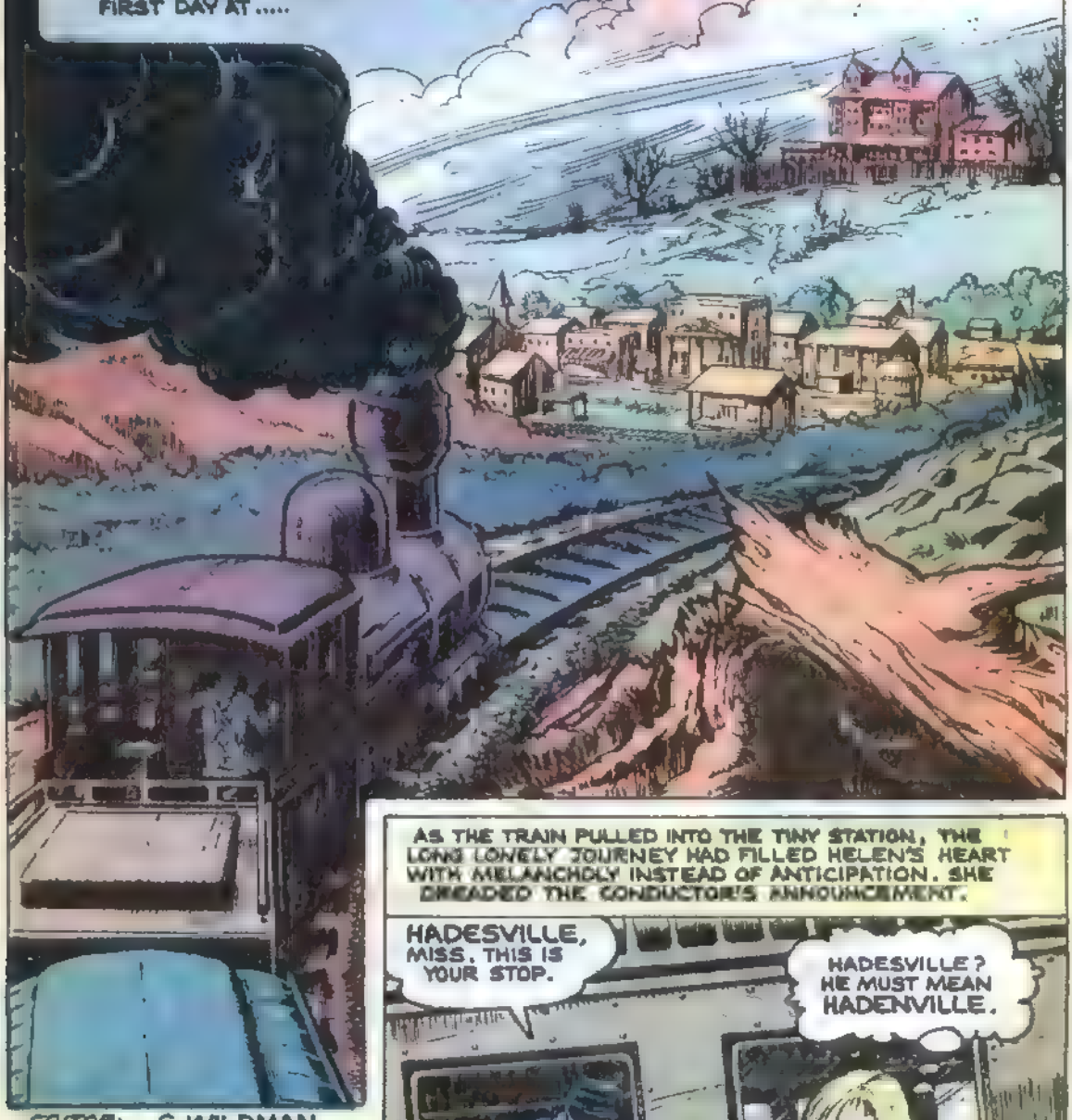
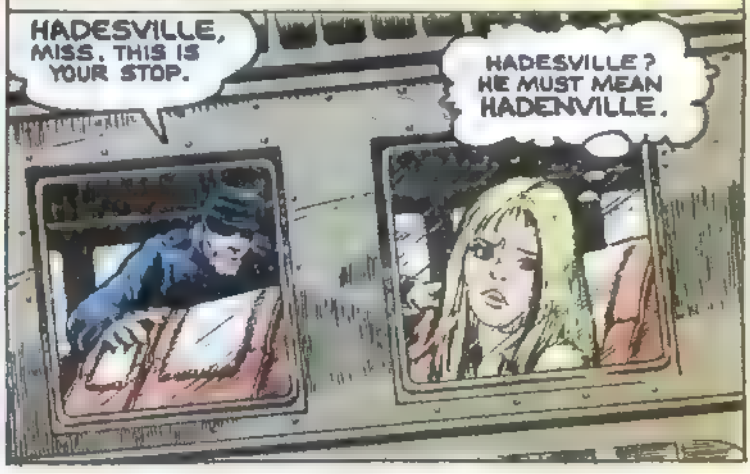


AS THE TRAIN PULLED INTO THE TINY STATION, THE LONG LONELY JOURNEY HAD FILLED HELEN'S HEART WITH MELANCHOLY INSTEAD OF ANTICIPATION. SHE DREADED THE CONDUCTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT.



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THIS IS HADESVILLE!
I'M AT THE WRONG STOP! I'M SUPPOSE TO GO TO HADENVILLE.
RAIN DEPOT AND RA
WAIT! DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!
IT'S TOO LATE, MISS. HE WON'T BE BACK THROUGH HERE UNTIL TOMORROW. I CAN GIVE YOU A RIDE TO THE UNIVERSITY, IF YOU LIKE.
YOU MEAN THAT GRUESOME LOOKING PLACE! THAT'S NOT MY UNIVERSITY, THANK GOODNESS. I WAS ON MY WAY TO THE ONE IN HADENVILLE.
THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE TO GO IN THIS TOWN. AT LEAST THEY'LL PUT YOU UP UNTIL THE MORNING.
THE CABBIE'S LOGIC WAS SENSIBLE AND SHE WOULD ONLY HAVE TO SPEND ONE NIGHT IN THE DREARY ESTABLISHMENT.
I'LL PHONE DADDY FROM THE UNIVERSITY AND TELL HIM WHERE I AM.
YOU'LL ENJOY YOUR STAY AT HADES U. IF YOU'LL PARDON THE EXPRESSION,..
IT'S A HELL OF A PLACE! HA HA HA
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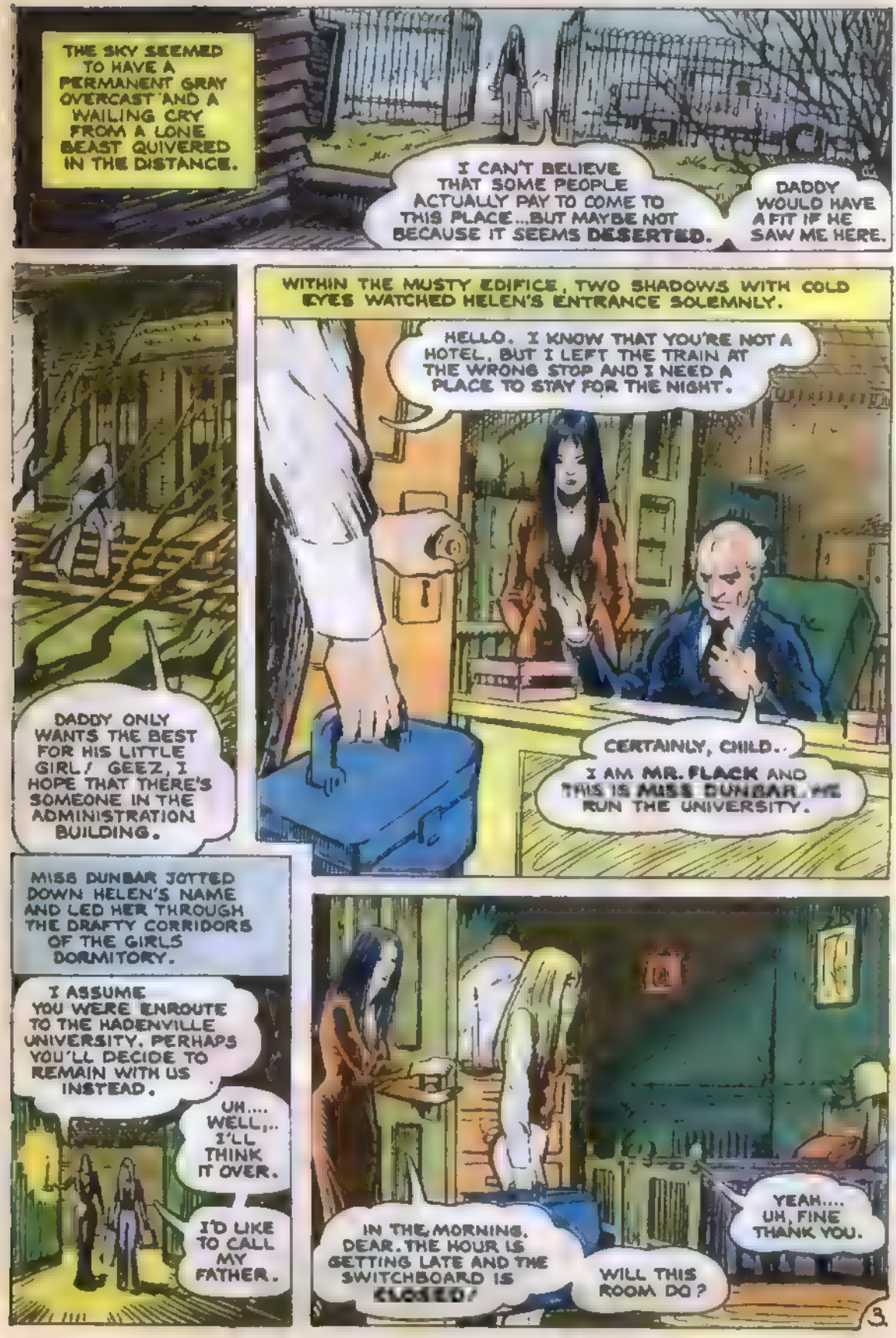
THE SKY SEEMED TO HAVE A PERMANENT GRAY OVERCAST AND A WAILING CRY FROM A LONE BEAST QUIVERED IN THE DISTANCE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SOME PEOPLE ACTUALLY PAY TO COME TO THIS PLACE...BUT MAYBE NOT BECAUSE IT SEEMS DESERTED.
DADDY WOULD HAVE A FIT IF HE SAW ME HERE.
DADDY ONLY WANTS THE BEST FOR HIS LITTLE GIRL/ GEEZ, I HOPE THAT THERE'S SOMEONE IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.
WITHIN THE MUSTY EDIFICE, TWO SHADOWS WITH COLD EYES WATCHED HELEN'S ENTRANCE SOLEMNLY.
HELLO. I KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT A HOTEL, BUT I LEFT THE TRAIN AT THE WRONG STOP AND I NEED A PLACE TO STAY FOR THE NIGHT.
CERTAINLY, CHILD..
I AM MR. FLACK AND THIS IS MISS DUNBAR. WE RUN THE UNIVERSITY.
MISS DUNBAR JOTTED DOWN HELEN'S NAME AND LED HER THROUGH THE DRAFTY CORRIDORS OF THE GIRLS DORMITORY.
I ASSUME YOU WERE ENROUTE TO THE HADENVILLE UNIVERSITY. PERHAPS YOU'LL DECIDE TO REMAIN WITH US INSTEAD.
UH.... WELL,.. I'LL THINK IT OVER.
I'D LIKE TO CALL MY FATHER.
IN THE MORNING, DEAR. THE HOUR IS GETTING LATE AND THE SWITCHBOARD IS CLOSED!
WILL THIS ROOM DO?
YEAH.... UH, FINE THANK YOU.
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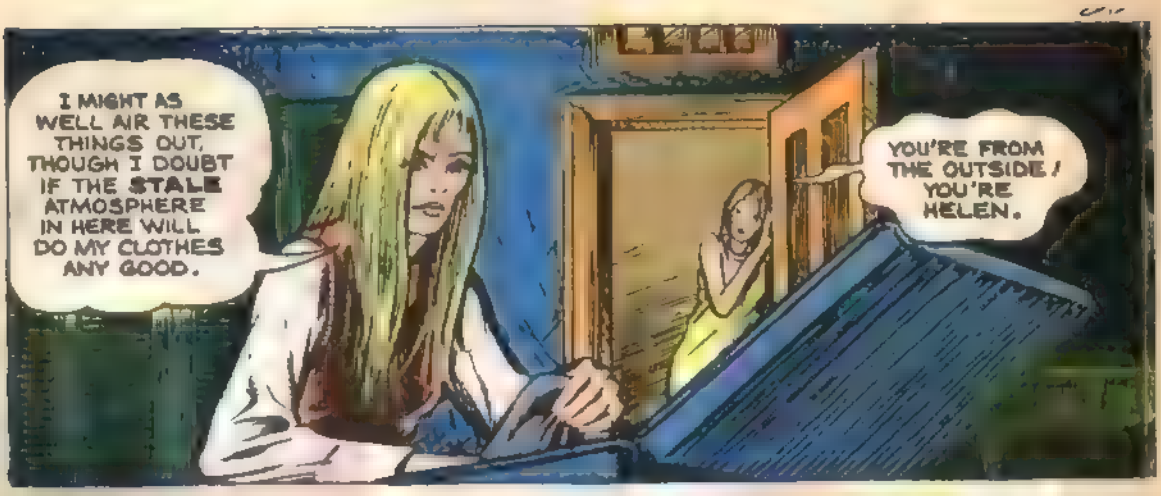
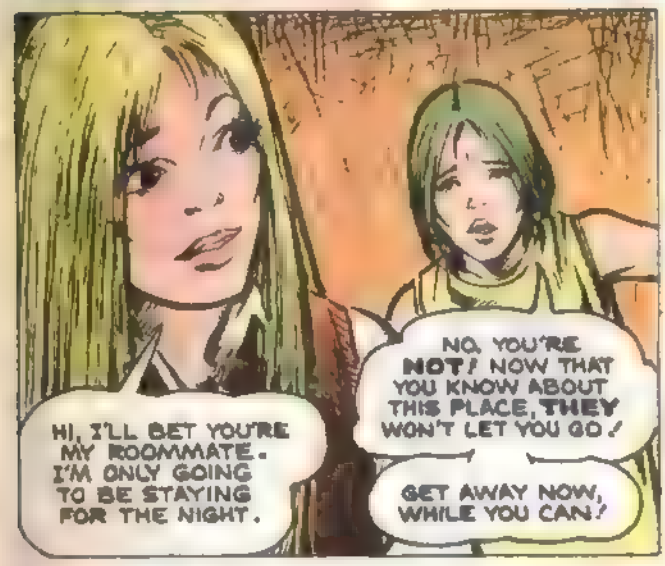
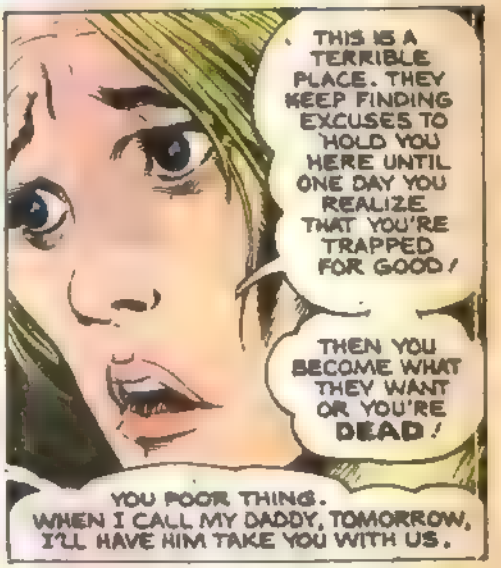
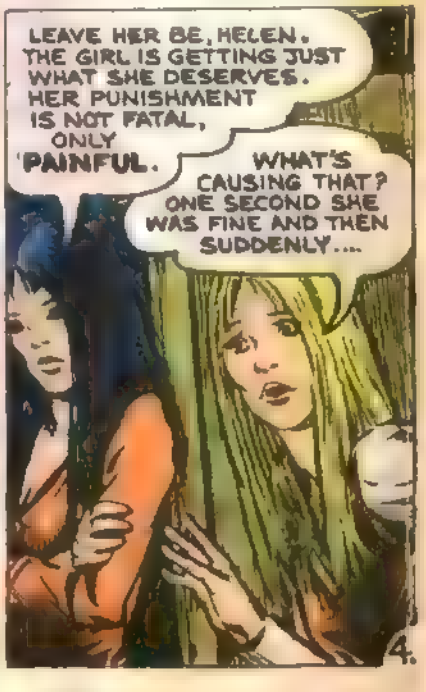

I MIGHT AS WELL AIR THESE THINGS OUT, THOUGH I DOUBT IF THE STALE ATMOSPHERE IN HERE WILL DO MY CLOTHES ANY GOOD.
YOU'RE FROM THE OUTSIDE! YOU'RE HELEN.

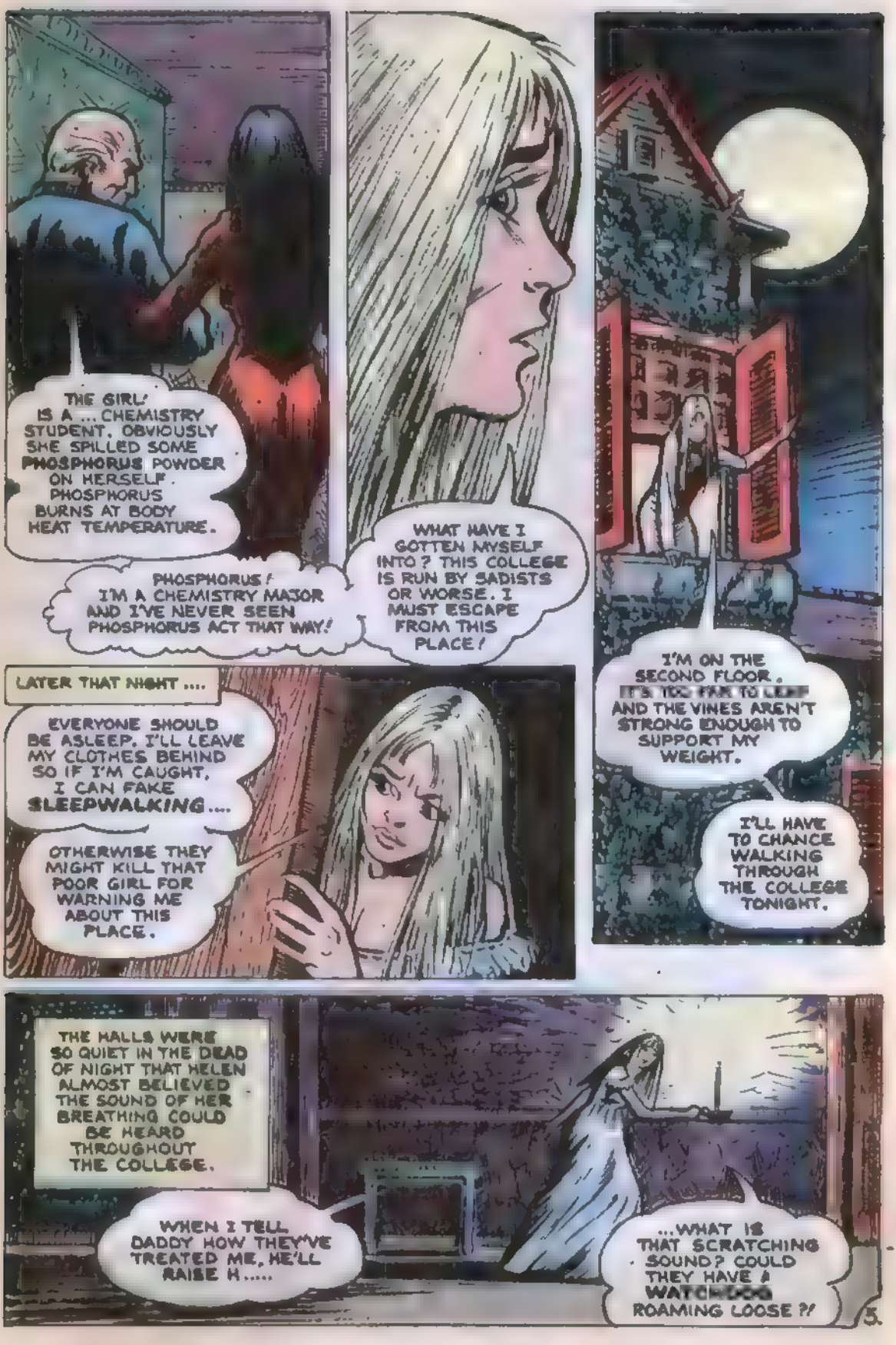

HI, I'LL BET YOU'RE MY ROOMMATE. I'M ONLY GOING TO BE STAYING FOR THE NIGHT.
NO, YOU'RE NOT! NOW THAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE, THEY WON'T LET YOU GO!
GET AWAY NOW, WHILE YOU CAN!


THIS IS A TERRIBLE PLACE. THEY KEEP FINDING EXCUSES TO HOLD YOU HERE UNTIL ONE DAY YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'RE TRAPPED FOR GOOD!
THEN YOU BECOME WHAT THEY WANT OR YOU'RE DEAD!
YOU POOR THING. WHEN I CALL MY DADDY, TOMORROW, I'LL HAVE HIM TAKE YOU WITH US.

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ME? THEY WON'T LET YOU CALL... AHHHH! MY FLESH IS BURNING!!
YOU'RE GLOWING AND I CAN FEEL THE HEAT RADIATING FROM YOUR BODY! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU!!?

YOOOOO


LEAVE HER BE, HELEN. THE GIRL IS GETTING JUST WHAT SHE DESERVES. HER PUNISHMENT IS NOT FATAL, ONLY PAINFUL.
WHAT'S CAUSING THAT? ONE SECOND SHE WAS FINE AND THEN SUDDENLY....


THE GIRL IS A ... CHEMISTRY STUDENT. OBVIOUSLY SHE SPILLED SOME PHOSPHORUS POWDER ON HERSELF. PHOSPHORUS BURNS AT BODY HEAT TEMPERATURE.
PHOSPHORUS! I'M A CHEMISTRY MAJOR AND I'VE NEVER SEEN PHOSPHORUS ACT THAT WAY!
WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO? THIS COLLEGE IS RUN BY SADISTS OR WORSE. I MUST ESCAPE FROM THIS PLACE!
I'M ON THE SECOND FLOOR. IT'S TOO FAR TO LEAP AND THE VINES AREN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT MY WEIGHT.
I'LL HAVE TO CHANCE WALKING THROUGH THE COLLEGE TONIGHT.
LATER THAT NIGHT ....
EVERYONE SHOULD BE ASLEEP. I'LL LEAVE MY CLOTHES BEHIND SO IF I'M CAUGHT, I CAN FAKE SLEEPWALKING....
OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT KILL THAT POOR GIRL FOR WARNING ME ABOUT THIS PLACE.
THE HALLS WERE SO QUIET IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT THAT HELEN ALMOST BELIEVED THE SOUND OF HER BREATHING COULD BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE COLLEGE.
WHEN I TELL DADDY HOW THEY'VE TREATED ME, HE'LL RAISE H.....
...WHAT IS THAT SCRATCHING SOUND? COULD THEY HAVE A WATCHDOG ROAMING LOOSE?!
5.

A FLICKER OF MOVEMENT IS CAUGHT BY THE CORNER OF HELEN'S EYE.
THAT SHADOW! THERE IS SOME SORT OF ALARM DOG IN THE HALLS, BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN A DOG THAT HUGE!!
IT'S STALKING ME! ITS EYES ARE GLOWING! ITS BODY IS GREENISH AND LUMPY! I CAN ONLY CATCH GLIMPSES OF IT IN THE SHADOWS. THE SMELL OF IT IS FETID, PUNGENT AND .... ITS TONGUE, ITS TONGUES... HAVE SUCKERS AT THE ENDS OF THEM!!
GRRRRR
EEEEEE
THOUGHTS OF ESCAPE WERE PRESSED TO THE BACK OF HER MIND AS SHE CONSIDERED ONLY FLIGHT FROM THE AWFUL BEAST! BUT THEN SHE CAME TO A DOOR....
THIS DOOR LEADS TO THE OUTSIDE!
THE THING WOULD EXPECT ME TO RUN DIRECTLY TO THE FRONT GATE, BUT I'LL STAY IN THE SHADOWS ALONG THE WALL UNTIL I THINK IT'S SAFE!
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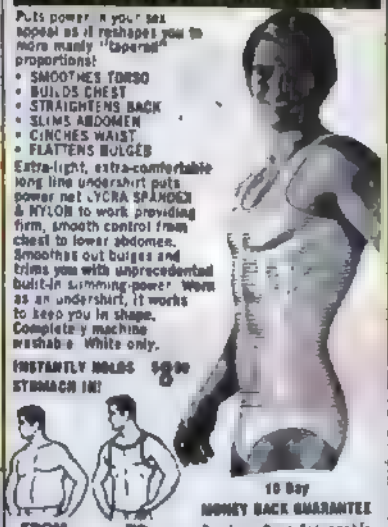

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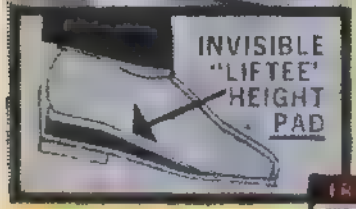

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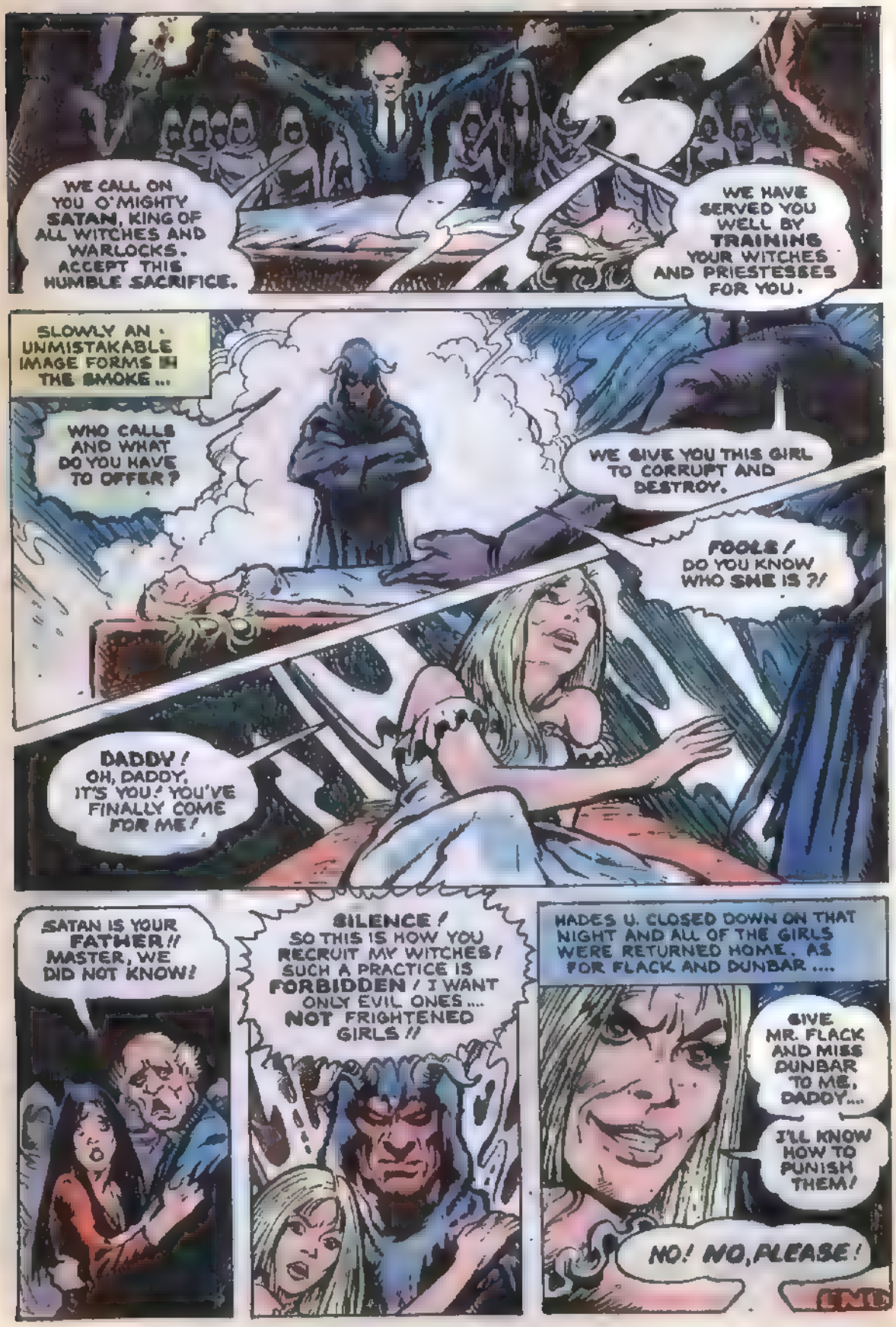
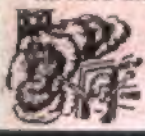
BUT THE BEAST WAS CLEVERER THAN HELEN HAD ASSUMED...
NCCCC!
CRASH!
SHE KNEW THE PURPOSE OF THE SUCKERS AT THE TIPS OF THE TONGUES. THEY WOULD DRAIN THE BLOOD FROM HER BODY!
DADDY! DADDY! SAVE ME FROM THIS THING!!
YOUR DESPERATE CRIES FOR HELP WILL NOT SAVE YOU FROM THE BLOOD BEAST... BUT YOU ARE A FORTUNATE GIRL.
BY ASHMEDI, I COMMAND YOU TO RELEASE HER.
THE BEAST MEEKLY HOBBLES BACK TO ITS AREA OF CHARGE UPON HEARING THE NAME OF ASHMEDI, KING OF DEMONS.
SHE IS VERY LUCKY THAT WE HAVE NEED OF HER. FLACK, CARRY HER TO THE LOWER CHAMBERS.
OF COURSE. THE GIRLS ARE WAITING.
IT IS A SHAME. SHE SEEMED LIKE AN INTELLIGENT GIRL AND WOULD HAVE BECOME A FINE WITCH.
THE MASTER WILL BE PLEASED WITH THIS SACRIFICE.


WE CALL ON YOU O'MIGHTY SATAN, KING OF ALL WITCHES AND WARLOCKS. ACCEPT THIS HUMBLE SACRIFICE.
WE HAVE SERVED YOU WELL BY TRAINING YOUR WITCHES AND PRIESTESSES FOR YOU.
SLOWLY AN UNMISTAKABLE IMAGE FORMS IN THE SMOKE...
WHO CALLS AND WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO OFFER?
WE GIVE YOU THIS GIRL TO CORRUPT AND DESTROY.
FOOLS! DO YOU KNOW WHO SHE IS?!
DADDY! OH, DADDY, IT'S YOU! YOU'VE FINALLY COME FOR ME!
SATAN IS YOUR FATHER!! MASTER, WE DID NOT KNOW!
SILENCE! SO THIS IS HOW YOU RECRUIT MY WITCHES! SUCH A PRACTICE IS FORBIDDEN! I WANT ONLY EVIL ONES.... NOT FRIGHTENED GIRLS!!
HADES U. CLOSED DOWN ON THAT NIGHT AND ALL OF THE GIRLS WERE RETURNED HOME. AS FOR FLACK AND DUNBAR....
GIVE MR. FLACK AND MISS DUNBAR TO ME, DADDY...
I'LL KNOW HOW TO PUNISH THEM!
NO! NO, PLEASE!
END

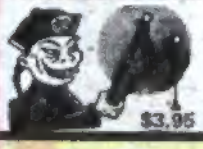
THESE ARE THE SAME TRICKS YOU'VE SEEN MAGICIAN'S DO ON TV — AND NOW YOU CAN DO THEM TOO!

MAGIC SMOKE CLOUDS



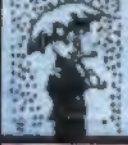
When you light one, a burst of colored smoke mushrooms to the ceiling. Just like magicians use. Special Price . . 16 in package for .50. Three packages for **$1.00**

CHINESE STICKS



Two sticks—one with a long string, the other short. When one is pulled, the other goes up. Everybody thinks they are connected in the back - but you show them they're strong by separating them - and the strings still go up and down at your secret command! Real professional magic. Seen on TV. Get your set NOW. **$3.95**

SNOWSTORM TABLETS



Put on end of a lit cigarette. Watch "snow" magically fill the room. Looks so strange and funny, you'll burst out laughing at your friend. 12 tablets in package for **50¢**

FLOWERS FROM FINGER-TIPS

Show empty hand, then reach into the air and produce flower after flower throwing them into a hat. But wait! When they look into the hat all the flowers have vanished. Easy to do. **$1.50**

LOADED GUM

Ask your friend if he'd like a piece of gum. Mouse trap -type mechanism "snaps" your friend's finger. Funny, but harmless. **50¢**

AMAZING FINGER CHOPPER

Blade will magically go thru your finger, yet will chop a cigarette that is in a hole below. Friends can examine this - and will NEVER figure it out! A really great magic trick to carry around in your pocket. Get this NOW. **$1.98**

FOAMING SUGAR

Put some in coffee, watch it overflow to the surprise of your victim. **60¢**

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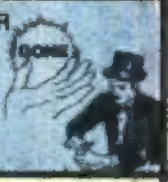
MAGIC VANISHER



Handkerchiefs and other similar small objects placed into your hand instantly disappear! Your sleeves are rolled up. Your friends will really think you're a great magician. **$1.00**

VANISHING THIMBLE

Poof! At your command it disappears, then appears. **35¢**

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VANISHING GLASS

Place glass full of liquid on your hand. Poof! It vanishes. You can make it reappear instantly. OR with sleeves rolled up. Great. **$1.95**

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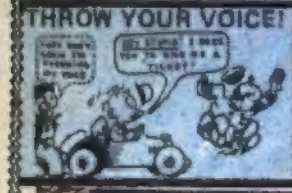
THROW YOUR VOICE!



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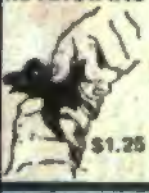

Special magic gimmick that enables you to do so many tricks, such as: Vanishing or producing magic scarves, salt, etc. Cut and restored handkerchief, the vanishing cigarette trick, and more. Comes with instructions for 14 tricks - and you'll think of many more. Really great. **$1.25**

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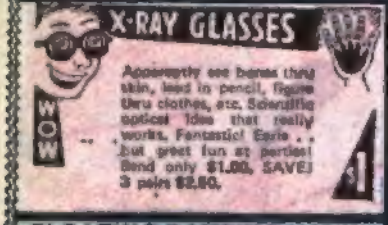

Accurately see bones thru skin, lead in pencil, figure thru clothes, etc. Scientific optical idea that really works. Fantastic! Eerie . . but great fun at parties! Send only $1.00, SAVE! 3 pairs $2.80.

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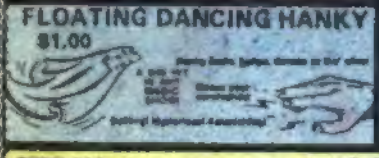

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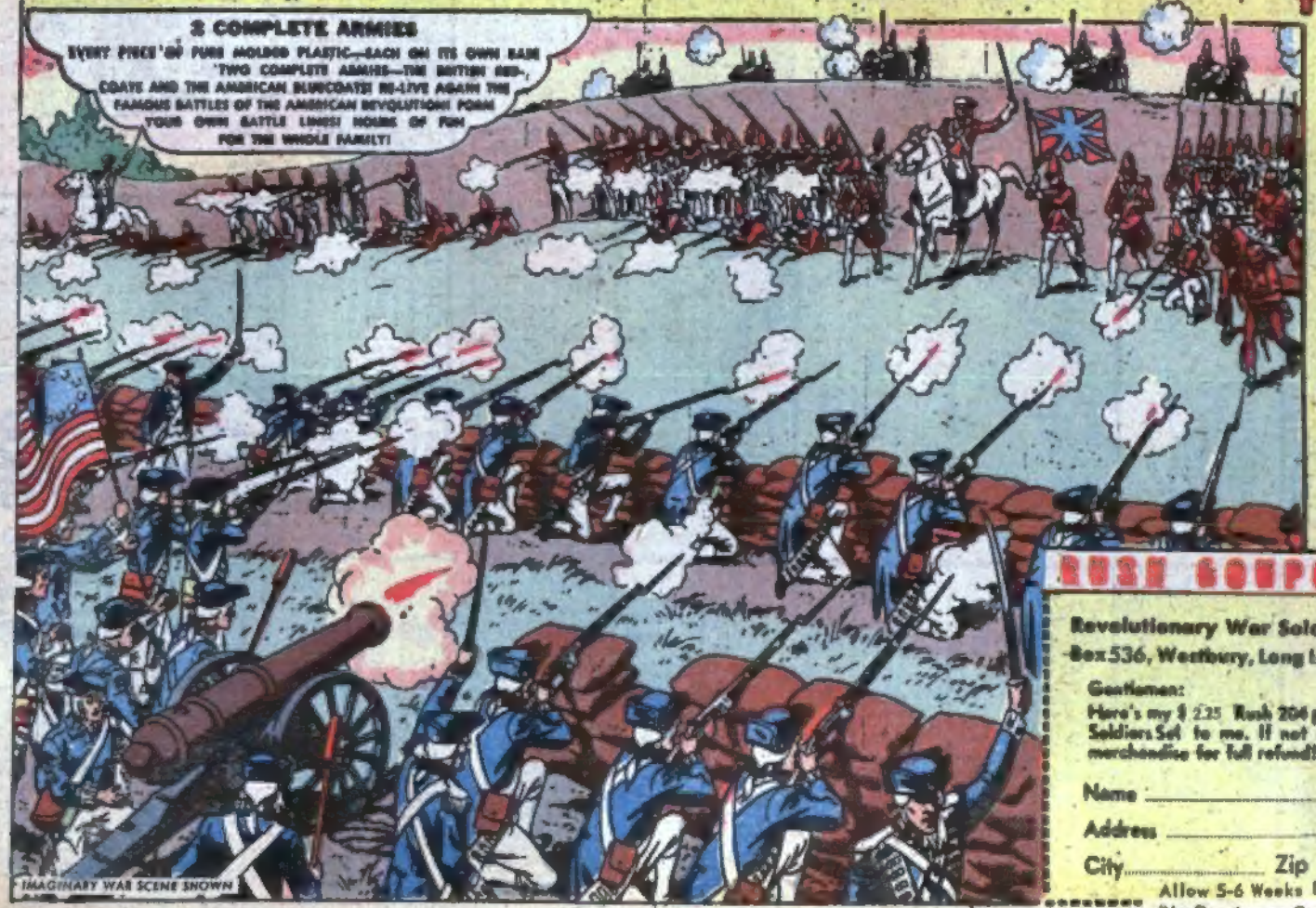

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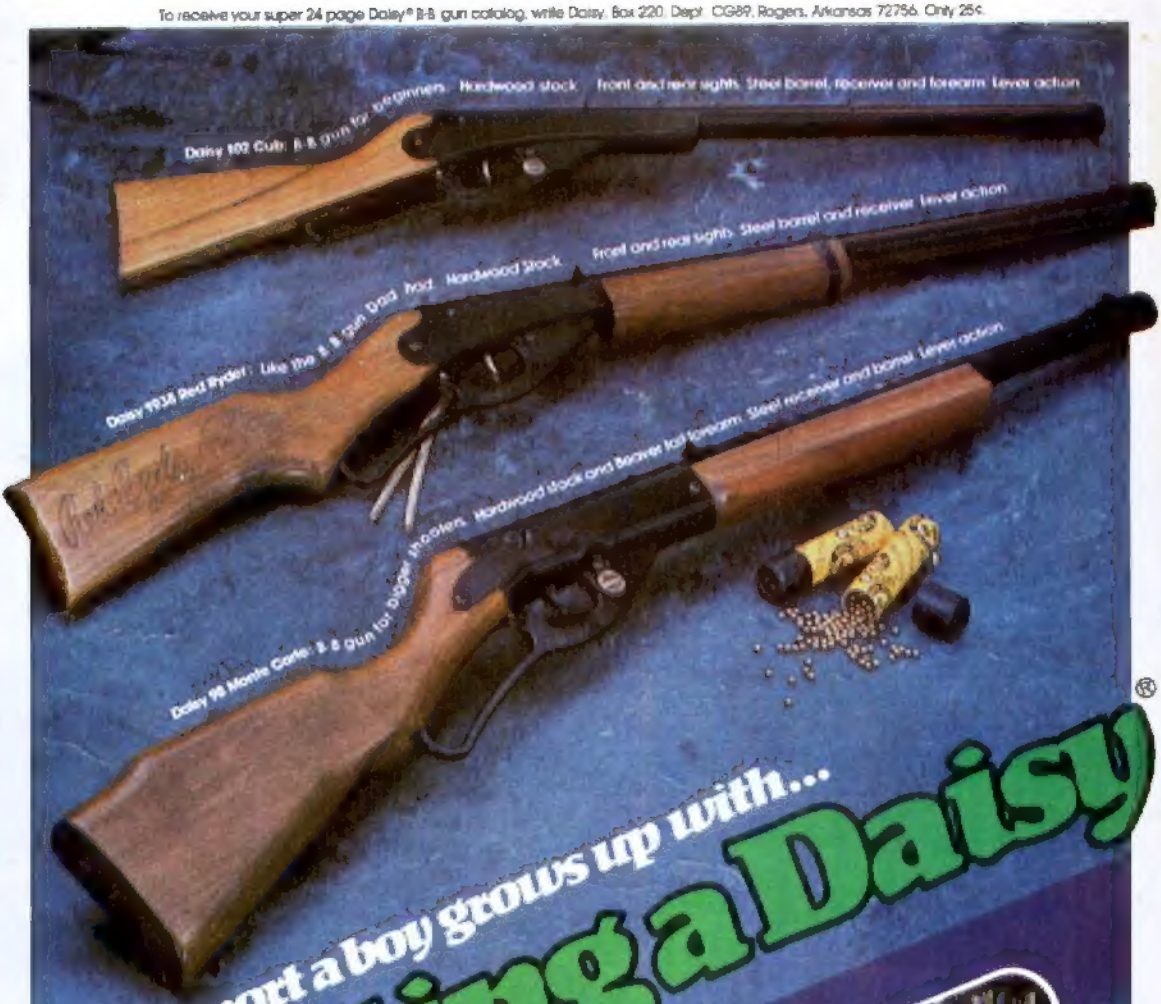
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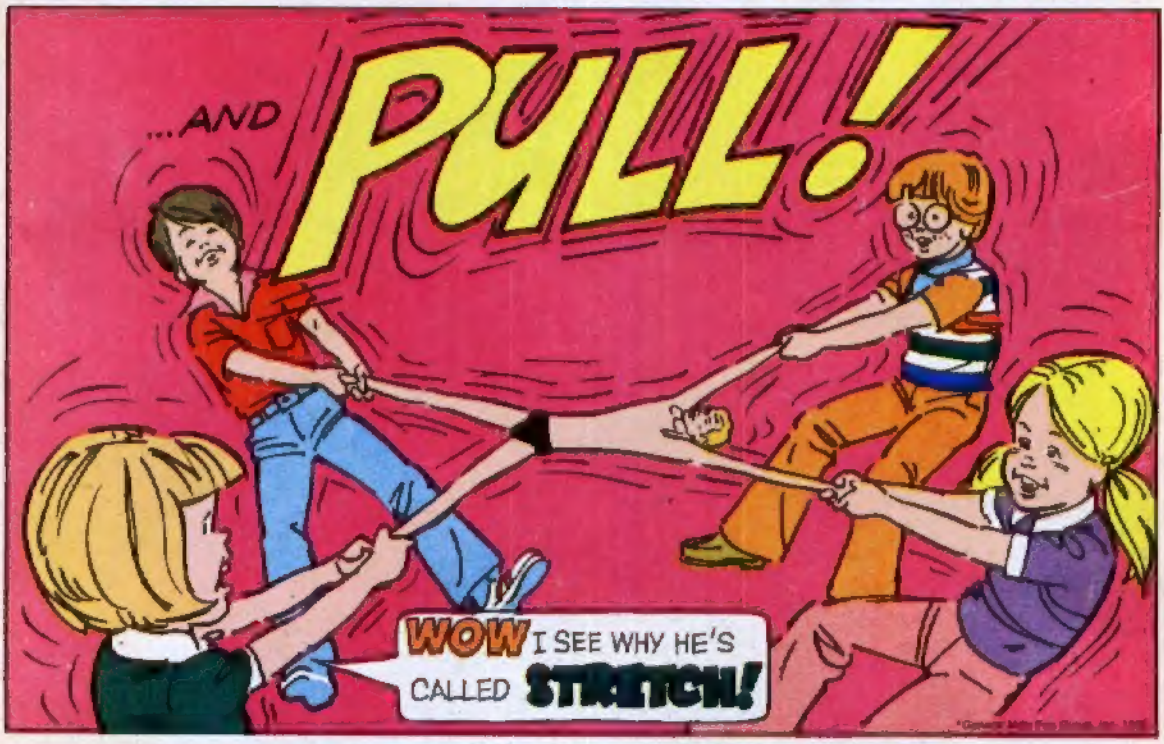

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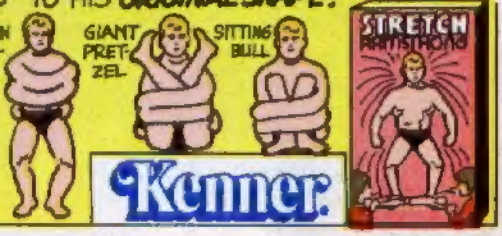
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